

Clerk's Office  
**Village of Westmont**

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, August 13, 2020.**

**Mayor Gunter** called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

**WESTMONT VIRTUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymski P

**TRUSTEES:** Barker P Barry P  
Guzzo P Liddle P  
Nero P

**STAFF:**

<b>May</b> <u>P</u> (Village Mgr)	<b>Parker</b> <u>P</u> (Finance Director)	<b>Sylvester</b> <u>P</u> (Community Dev. Director)
<b>Brainerd</b> <u>P</u> (HR Director)	<b>McIntyre</b> <u>P</u> (Communications Director)	<b>Liljeberg</b> <u>P</u> (I.T. Manager)
<b>Chief Gunther</b> <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief Thompson</b> <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief Gruen</b> <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)
<b>Chief Riley</b> <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	<b>Olsson</b> <u>A</u> (Assistant Finance Director))	<b>Richards</b> <u>A</u> (Deputy Clerk)
<b>Ramsey</b> <u>A</u> (P.W. Director)	<b>Mielcarski</b> <u>P</u> (Management Analyst)	<b>Mulhearn</b> <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak P Carrara A

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.**

**PRESS:**

Bugle A

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR:** Forssberg - P

**THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Gunter talked about the hybrid meeting. The Mayor, Clerk and Trustee Liddle is in the boardroom. The other members are logging in remotely.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Manager May reported that there are no submitted comments.

**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**      **AB=ABSTAIN**      **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  
                                 **P=PRESENT**      **Y=YES**      **R=RECUSE**

**Note:** *The items listed in these minutes are summaries only and are not meant to be a direct transcript of the Mayor's, Manager's, Clerk's and Trustees' comments. For actual quotes of the referenced items please refer to the Archival video copy of this meeting.*

**VOTING SUMMARY**

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARRY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

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TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARRY	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- The Village continues to hold meetings virtually. The public is now invited to attend in person, however, citizens can continue to watch meetings via live stream as well.
- If there is a meeting where we expect to have many people, it will be moved to the high school to accommodate social distancing.
- Chief Riley reported on the COVID-19 cases in Westmont. Westmont has 442 cases of COVID-19. Some of the raising concerns are that the case rates continue to increase. We need to continue to social distance, wash your hands, and wear your masks. We need to do the right thing in our community.

**Village Clerk Szymski**

- The Village wide garage sale was a success.
- Wished a Happy Birthday to her husband, Gerry.

**Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be Sept 24, 4:30 PM.
- The new public works building is 77% complete. All garage doors have been installed and the elevator will be installed next week.
- The 61st St and Richmond Detention Basin rehabilitation project is starting on Monday, August 3rd and will be completed by Monday, August 31st.
- The Ogden Ave. median project is underway and progress has been made.

- Alley C project between Norfolk st. and Naperville rd. has begun and will last until early November.
- Thanked the Police Department for monitoring some speed issues in Oakwood.
- Thanked Jim Cates from Public Works for the assistance that he provided for a resident.

#### **Trustee Liddle**

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting that occurred earlier today.
  - We are looking for a new provider for our health and wellness program.
  - The Fire Department is looking to update their contract with GEMT for emergency transportation.
  - The quarterly budget overview shows that we are not out of the woods yet, but we do appear to be on the right path.

#### **Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting is August 27, 4:30 PM. Location to be determined.
- The Fire Department's Annual Fire Prevention Open House has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Fire Department will be hosting an open house virtually. More information is to come.

#### **Trustee Barker**

- Condolences to the Tearney family and Pipek families.
- Westmont First will meet in September.
- The Census is still ongoing.
- The Environmental Improvement Committee will have a presentation on solar panels in September.

#### **Trustee Barry**

- There are a few grants out there for businesses.
- Choose DuPage has relaunched a grant program for DuPage based small businesses. Some restrictions have been removed. There are many details that you can obtain by visiting [Chooosedupage.com](https://choosedupage.com). Applicants who have applied for this grant get an answer fairly quickly.
- The Village of Westmont has also created a small business retail grant program that runs through the end of August. For further details and to apply, visit <https://choosewestmont.com/>
- A formal groundbreaking was held for Quincy Station on August 6th. Kudos to Holladay Properties and all involved on this project. It will be a great addition to Downtown Westmont. There is a video of the ceremony on the Village website.
- Talked about the PZC meeting.
  - The One North Cass got a positive recommendation.
  - The L.A. Fitness is ready to go.
  - The "mystery grocer" is also ready to go.
  - Starbucks hung their sign last night.
  - The medical building at 303 W Ogden is moving right along.

- The FMC Natatorium is also moving along.
- Cass Avenue Dream Homes is in Phase 2.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Mayor asked for a Trustee to make a motion to remove the two proclamations from the consent agenda, (1) National Suicide Prevention Week (2) National Payroll Week.

Trustee Liddle made the motion.

Trustee Barry seconded that motion.

**(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda.

**(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held **July 30, 2020**.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #7:** Dated **August 13, 2020** in the amount of **\$2,548,456.16**.

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

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**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE : \$2,569,331.16**

Seconded by **Trustee Barry** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero,

Nays: None

Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK - 2020**

**Mayor Gunter** addressed the Board on this item. Manager May read the proclamation.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a proclamation to declare the week of September 6 - 12, 2020 as National Suicide Prevention Week.

Seconded by **Trustee Guzzo** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Nero, Liddle

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Gunter invited Chris Svitek to the podium to talk about Suicide Prevention. Mr. Svitek talked about how suicide has affected his life. He spoke about the cause and the fundraiser. Joel Feiders joined remotely to talk about suicide awareness and a group called Hope for the Day. There are mental health workshops that you can access by visiting the website is [www.hftd.org](http://www.hftd.org) and his email is [joel@hftd.org](mailto:joel@hftd.org). Joel talked about "It's OK to not be OK".

**(3) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK 2020**

**Mayor Gunter** addressed the Board on this item. Finance Director Parker read the proclamation.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a proclamation to declare the first week of September as National Payroll Week.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Nero, Liddle

Nays: None

Absent: None

Katie Stafeldt, President of the Chicago Chapter and Kathy Mizieski, Vice President of the Chicago Chapter thanked the Village Board for supporting the payroll profession. The goal is to provide information and education to payroll professionals. Their organization created virtual classes during COVID-19.

**(4) AMENDED WATER METER READING AGREEMENT**

**Finance Director Parker** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving an Amended Water Meter Reading Agreement with Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #4**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(5) VERIZON LICENSE AGREEMENT**

**Attorney Zemenak** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Third Amendment to License Agreement with Verizon for use of Village rights-of-way.

Seconded by **Trustee Barry** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #5**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(6) DECLARATION OF VILLAGE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS**

**Finance Director Parker** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance declaring certain Village owned vehicles as surplus property. (Fire Department - ambulance)

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #6**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(7) CODE OF ORDINANCE TEXT UPDATE - CHAPTER 42 FIRE**

**Fire Chief Riley** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 42, Fire Prevention, Fire Protection and Emergency Services, of the Westmont Code of Ordinance to update the areas of mutual aid.

Seconded by **Trustee Guzzo** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #7**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(8) NEW CLASS 25 LIQUOR LICENSE**

**Mayor Gunter** addressed the Board on this item and asked to postpone to a future meeting.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider postponing an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Section 10-36 of the Westmont Code of Ordinances to create a new Class 25 liquor license to allow natatoriums to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion to postpone passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #8**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Clerk Szymiski thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up after the storm.
- Mayor Gunter thanked the Fire Department for their help with the residents in the Fire Protection District.
- Manager May talked about dividers.
- Residents can continue to purchase waste stickers at Village Hall.

**(9) ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #9**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 27th day of August, 2020